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CITY OF BELEN PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES JUNE 29, 2015

Vice Chair Steve Ethridge called the regular meeting of the Belen Planning and Zoning Commission meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Chairman Tom Greer

Vice Chair Steve Ethridge

Commissioner Claudine Montano

ABSENT: Commissioner Debbie Thompson

Commissioner Gordon Reeves

CITY STAFF: Lisa R Miller, Planning & Zoning Administrator

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Vice Chair Steve Ethridge moved to approve the Agenda.

Commissioner Claudine Montano seconded the Motion.

Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 8, 2015 were reviewed.

Commissioner Claudine Montano moved to approve the minutes.

Vice Chair Steve Ethridge seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

ACTION ITEMS

a. Amend Ordinance 1998-Alcoholic Beverages in Municipal Buildings and on Municipal Property.

Lisa Miller informed the Commission of the changes to the wording in Section 9.16.040 (E) and on the Conditional Use form that goes along with the Ordinance.

A brief discussion followed and those changes were agreed upon.

Chairman Tom Greer said he would like to see the Declaration of policy and intent also changed. The way it is now sounds like condemnation and then turns around and lets it happen. It sounds more like a prohibition law.

Commissioner Claudine Montano agreed with the Chairman and suggested that it be shortened and straight to the point.

Vice Chair Steve Ethridge said it did sound pretty harsh.

Chairman Tom Greer said that it sounds like a good way to get sued because you let them drink at these functions but in the beginning of the Ordinance it is declared a detriment to your health.

The issue was discusses and it was decided on what wording the Commission would like.

Vice Chair Steve Ethridge moved to approve the changes and present it to the Council.

Commissioner Claudine Montano Seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

Vote was as follows:

Commissioner Claudine MontanoYesVice Chair Steve EthridgeYesChairman Tom GreerYes

DISCUSSION/REVIEW

Architectural Design Requirements-Style Valuation

Lisa Miller explained to the Commission the process of the style valuation. There will be one for Commercial and another for the residential styles. The handout has each slide numbered and asked the Commission to rate each photo with a scale where the number one is the lowest.

Chairman Tom Greer asked if they are to rate them on whether the architecture is liked or not but whether it is what they feel is appropriate for Belen.

Lisa Miller said both.

Vice Chair Steve Ethridge said that it is more along the lines of a gut reaction.

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Lisa Miller said yes. If you were able to study them over time you would have the tendency to pick them apart like any other normal person does.

The Commercial photos were then gone through, then the residential.

Lisa Miller informed the Commission that these Rating sheets will be gone through and the styles that those choices are.

OPEN COMMENTS/REQUESTS

Chairman Tom Greer showed the Commission what he is hoping will be one of the photos shown on the New Mexico True web page and then hopefully on one of their commercials.

Vice Chair Steve Ethridge said he would like to see us utilize the light poles for things like decorative covers, towards the bottom of the poles, of events that might be going on or for seasonal decorations. This is just to put some color out there and dress the town up a little.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City of Belen Planning & Zoning Commission, Commissioner Claudine Montano moved to adjourn.

Vice Chair Steve Ethridge seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

The regular meeting of the City of Belen Planning & Zoning Commission adjourned at 7:14 pm.

	/s/
	Chairman Tom Greer
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ATTEST:	
/s/	
Lisa Miller, Planning and Zoning Administrator	